

child beyond that of an uncle for a nepl^w. !
have alrea said the truth about this.

However this may be, it is certain that Napoleon n seriously contemplated a divorce from Josephine. It tin had been no other proof of this I, who from long habit kn. how to read Napoleon's thoughts by his arts, found n sufliieu one in the decree issued at Milan by which Napoleon adopt Eugene as his son and successor to tin* erown <»{ Italy, default of male and legitimate children directly de.s.-en.i from him. Lucien went to Mantua on Ins brother's invii tion, and this was the last interview th«*y had before the C_t> *Jours*.

Lucien consented to give his <iuu.ijht.er to the Prin of the Asturias, but this marriage did not take plaee. learned from Duroc to what a height the enmity of Luei* towards the Beauharnais family, an enmity which I hm often had occasion to speak of, had b«'«*n renewed on fi t occasion. Lucien could not pardon Josephine fur the rehu of the counsels which he had given hei\ and which she |||| rejected with such proper indignation. Lueien had besi<i< another special reason for giving his daughter to the Print¹ of the Asturias. lie particularly \visln'<i to prevent th, Prince marrying Mademoiselle de Tuseher, the niece < Josephine, a marriage for which M. <1«* HeauharnaK the Ambassador of France at Madrid, was working with all hi might. Lucien also, with his Republican stolidity, .sulunittei without too much scruple to the idea of having a, Bonrboi King as son-in-law. It was also during this journey o Napoleon that he annexed Tuscany to tin* Kmpire,

Bonaparte returned to Paris on the 1st of January* IKUH On his way he stopped for a short time at C'hamW-ry* where ,• young man had been waiting for him several «lay^ This \vu,-Madame do Stalil's son, who was then n<>t more than M-ven teen years of age. M. Auguste de Stae'l lt»<l^i'«i at the lnm,s< of the postmaster of (Uiambery, and as the Knipernr \va> expected in the course of the night, he f^ave r»nIrrM that In* should be called up on the arrival of thf iirst eotirier. Tltf couriers, who hud been delayed on the n*a<I, «U*i not arrive until six in the morning, and were almost imiii***isate!y fol-